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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2006, please reconsider the application based on the following:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.